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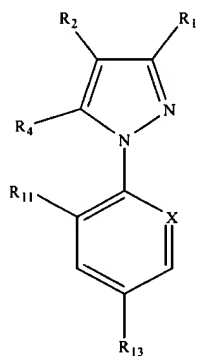
AMENDMENT

Kindly amend the application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

It is respectfully requested that the claims be amended as indicated, without any prejudice, admission, surrender of subject matter, or any intention of creating any estoppel as to equivalents:

1. (Twice Amended) Anti-flea and anti-tick [external device] collar for a pet to distribute an active agent against fleas and ticks over the pet's body and/or in sebaceous glands of the pet and to thereby control fleas and ticks on or eliminate fleas from the pet and ensure more than six months of efficacy of greater than 95% against fleas, as determined in a test providing the reinfestation of the pet with 100 ± 10 fleas, and more than three months of efficacy of greater than 90% against ticks, as determined in a test providing the reinfestation of the pet with 50 ± 3 ticks, comprising a matrix in which is incorporated from 0.1 to 40% by weight, relative to the [external device] collar, of [a substance which is] the active agent against fleas and ticks, this active agent [substance] [being formed of] comprising at least one compound corresponding to formula I below.



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